

Application No. 09/622,615
Response dated June 10, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 12, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 11 and 26 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 2 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-5, 11 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In this Response, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to overcome this rejection in accordance with the suggestion by the Examiner in the telephone discussion on March 8, 2004.

In view of the above, claims 1-5, 11 and 26, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. The limited recognition of the agent is attached herewith.

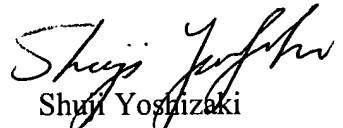
In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due

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with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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